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SENATOR CLARK: I'd just move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: For what purpose, Senator Kelly?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I want to talk on this amendment. How long do I need my light on?

SENATOR SAVAGE: You were next in line after Senator Lewis and he asked for the question, so the debate ceases and....

SENATOR KELLY: The House won?

SENATOR SAVAGE: What?

SENATOR KELLY: Never mind.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The question is the adoption of the Clark amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President. Mr. President, the next amendment offered to 690 is offered by Senator Chambers. There's a purpose comment. What it does is provide \$38,000 of state funding for the Office of Minority Affairs at UNL. Signed, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I've handed out some information on this program. It has been in operation at the University campus in Lincoln for about four years and funded federally. The money runs out and there is no certainty that it will be restored by the federal government. A decision may be reached by the government and the University will know perhaps sometime in June. So the purpose of this amendment is to appropriate enough money to continue the office in operation. The information I gave to you broke down what the money is used for. If the federal funds come there is a provision that the state money would lapse. This Department would not obtain two different appropriations. There are currently three counselors in this office, one Black, one Chicano, one native American or Indian. They advise and counsel the students on academic matters, personal problems. They help them with studying, any remedial work that is needed to equip them to successfully complete University work. If you have any questions then I'm prepared to answer them. I'll tell you again the need for this money may be done away with if the federal government funds the program again. If the government does fund the program this money will lapse.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

CLERK: Mr. President, I would add also that this amendment is in the Journal on page 1157.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Barnett.